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Sir:

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For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 5-128530, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto.

Also, for the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JP 2004-5787, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto, and to English language counterpart U.S. Pat. Appln. No. 2003/0223341 A1.

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